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Research Interests My research interests include differential geometry, partial differential equations, and geometric measure theory. My recent work is focused on geometric variational problems and their applications.

EMPLOYMENT

**Princeton University** 

Instructor, September 2018 to now.

Affiliation

Institute for Advanced Study

Visitor, September 2018 to August 2019.

**EDUCATION** 

Stanford University

Ph.D. in Mathematics, July 2018.

• Advisors: Richard Schoen and Brian White

Peking University

B.A. in Mathematics, July 2013

• GPA 3.88 on 4.0 scale, department ranking 1/160.

Grants

NSF Grant DMS-2005287 (7/1/20 - 6/30/23): Geometric variational problems and scalar curvature

Research Papers Generalized soap bubbles and the topology of manifolds with positive scalar curvature, joint with Otis Chodosh, submitted.

> Dihedral rigidity of parabolic polyhedrons in hyperbolic spaces, SIGMA 16 (2020), 099, Special Issue on Scalar and Ricci Curvature in honor of Misha Gromov on his 75th Birthday.

> Regularity of free boundary minimal surfaces in locally polyhedral domains, joint with Nicolous Edelen, submitted.

The dihedral rigidity conjecture for n-prisms, submitted.

Constrained deformations of positive scalar curvature metrics, joint with Alessandro Carlotto, submitted.

A polyhedron comparison theorem for 3-manifolds with positive scalar curvature, Invent. Math. 219, 1–37 (2020).

Positive scalar curvature with skeleton singularities, Math. Ann. 374, 99–131 (2019).

Index and topology of minimal hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , Calc. Var. 56, 180 (2017).

October 2020 Conference Fall 2020 AMS Sectional Meeting Organized Variational Aspects of Geometric Analysis Invited Virtual Workshop on Ricci and Scalar curvature August 2020 Conference talks Plenary address: Geometric comparison theorems for scalar curvature Oberwolfach Workshop 1930- Partial Differential Equations July 2019 Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach Geometry of Scalar Curvature - Conference and Summer School July 2019 Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Palazzone di Cortona Workshop: Convergence and Low Regularity in General Relativity May 2019 Simons Center in Geometry and Physics Workshop in Scalar Curvature on Singular Spaces December 2018 Courant Institute ICM Satellite Conference July 2018 University of Miami AMS Joint Mathematical Meeting January 2018 San Diego Convention Center Advances in Geometric Analysis June 2017 ETH Zürich XIX School on Differential Geometry July 2016 Instituto de Matemática Pura e Aplicada (IMPA)

INVITED ADVANCED Master class in differential geometry: the structure of limit spaces July 2020

Mini-Courses

Institut Henri Poincaré

Postponed to July 2021 due to Covid-19

Seminar talks California Institute of Technology October 2020

Geometry and Topology Seminar

University of California, Irvine October 2020

Differential Geometry Seminar

Colombia University October 2020

Analysis and Geometry Seminar

Fields Institute October 2020

Geometric Analysis Colloquium

Stanford University September 2020

Geometry Seminar

University of Notre Dame

Geometric Analysis Seminar

Duke University September 2020

Geometry and Topology Seminar

University of Waterloo September 2020

Geometry and Topology Seminar

Princeton University June 2020

Differential Geometry and Geometric Analysis Seminar

Stony Brook University April 2020

Grometry and Topology Seminar

Harvard University, CMSA April 2020

General Relativity Seminar

Peking University December 2019

Geometric Analysis and General Relativity Seminar

Johns Hopkins University October 2019

Analysis and Partial Differential Equations Seminar

Rutgers University- New Brunswick September 2019

Geometric Analysis Seminar

Institute of Advanced Study October 2018

Special year on "Variational Methods in Geometric Analysis"

University of California, Berkeley Jan 2018

Geometric Analysis Seminar

Massachusetts Institute of Technology December 2017

Geometric Analysis Seminar

Princeton University November 2017

Differential Geometry and Geometric Analysis Seminar

University of Chicago October 2017

Geometric Analysis Seminar

University of California, Santa Barbara March 2017

Geometry Seminar

Teaching Instructor, Princeton University Experience

September 2020

- MAT 355, Introduction to Differential Geometry: Spring 2020
- MAT 300, Multivariable Analysis I: Fall 2020
- MAT 103, Single Variable Calculus: Fall 2019, Fall 2018
- MAT 201, Multi-variable Calculus: Spring 2019

#### Teaching Assistant, Stanford University

Stanford Math 51, Linear Algebra and Differential Calculus of Several Variables Stanford Math 42, Calculus ACE (Additional Calculus for Engineers)

• ACE program is designed to enhance diversity among engineering students.

### Teaching Assistant, Minimal Surfaces: Old and New

- Summer 2017, lecture by Alessandro Carlotto.
- As part of Summer School on Geometric Analysis in the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences

# Course Assistant, Stanford University

Math 113: Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory

Math 20: Integral Calculus

Math 172: Lebesgue Integration and Fourier Analysis

Math 114: Applied Matrix Theory

Math 382: Algebra Ph.D. qualifying exams

# Honors and Awards

# Pólya Teaching Fellow Award

2018

Honors one graduating PhD student in Department of Mathematics, Stanford University, each year for his or her outstanding teaching during his or her time in the program

#### S. T. Yau College Students Mathematics Contests, Team Contest

Silver Medal

#### Chinese National Scholarship

2012

2012

National award for outstanding students in universities and colleges

#### The Mathematical Contest in Modeling

2012

Meritorious Honor

#### Outstanding Students of Peking University

2010, 2011, 2012

Awarded for outstanding Peking University students

## Chinese Mathematics Olympiad

2009

Perfect score gold medal

# All Rusian Mathematics Olympiad

2007

Gold medal

# Academic activities

# Seminar organization

Differential Geometry and Geometric Analysis Seminar, Princeton University, Fall 2019-  $\sim$ 

Geometric Analysis Learning Seminar, Princeton University, Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 Joint Princeton-Rutgers Seminar on Geometric PDEs, Fall 2019 -  $\sim$ 

# Note taker for Nachdiplom lectures

Spring 2017

Topics in scalar curvature Lectures by Richard Schoen

#### Referee services

Calculus of Variation and PDE; Mathematische Nachrichten; The Annales de l'Institut Fourier; Pacific Journal of Mathematics; Comminucations in Mathematical Physics; Journal of Differential Geometry; Communications in Analysis and Geometry; Communications of Contemporary Mathematics; Symmetry, Integrability and Geomety: Methods and Applications; Mathematische Annalen